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CAIRO, SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 1865.

SOCIETY IN CAIRO.

Remarks relative to society, or rather the want of society, in Cairo, have frequently fallen upon our ear, and although we believe it to be one of those things which will, in time, correct itself, yet we feel induced to offer a few words in regard to it, believing the subject to be one of vital interest.

It is a notorious fact, that there is, so to speak, no society in Cairo—that our citizens meet less socially, than do those perhaps of any other city in the Union. The consequence is, that the acquaintance of our young people amongst those whom they should be able to number among their friends, is very limited. Our young men, not having a general or ordinary acquaintance with the lady portion of community, in the absence of interest which their company would create, have no place to resort to but saloons, billiard rooms, &c., in order to gratify that feeling and desire for recreation and amusement which is natural and innate in every human breast. This state of things is felt by the young ladies of Cairo fully as much as by the gentlemen. Were society different both sexes would be benefited. Without the soothing, restraining influence of woman it cannot be expected that our young men will form habits so essential to fit them for the responsible position of husbands. By this we do not mean to be understood as implying that the young men of Cairo have acquired or are acquiring habits of dissipation and vice, as such is not the case. But we do contend that were the rules of society here less punctilious, and a more intimate acquaintance cultivated between the sexes, much that now goes to make up the private record of our young men would give place to that which would be more pleasing to them and better stand the scrutiny and criticism of the world. To the lady portion of community the effect would be equally advantageous. The society of young men of approved habits and character is to woman a source from which much information may be elicited, and the appetite for relief from the monotonous routine of her duties, appeased.

The reason for the absence of the usual system of governing society, in this city, is probably owing to a great extent, to the unsettled state of things here. For years past our population has been steadily and rapidly increasing. Many good and valuable members of society have settled here, and, perhaps, quite a number of the opposite character. Many too, have come here, temporarily, to take advantage of the opportunities presented for realizing additions to their exchequers, with the intention of leaving when the inducements which led them hither were exhausted. Time more than usual in other cities, was required in order to form acquaintances either suitable or advantageous. But that condition of things has passed. Those who are now here nearly all intend to remain, and the reserve heretofore demonstrated should be dispensed with.

The people of Cairo, as a class, are a wholesome, unselfish, warm-hearted, generous community. As an evidence of the fact one needs but to start out with a subscription paper for a charitable or worthy object, and more money can be raised in a shorter space of time than in any city in the Union of equal population and capital. It is therefore but meet and proper that they should all become acquainted in other than a business way. The hand of fellowship should be extended, and efforts made to elevate society and increase the social interest of those resident amongst us. Let us give the evidence to such as we desire to associate with, that we wish to cultivate a more intimate friendship with them, and notify them that our "latch string is out." Let us organize picnics, social gatherings, and moral character be the standard by which our associates shall be selected; then will our young men grow up in the possession of nobler attributes and our young ladies with stronger minds and more enlarged ideas of life and its surroundings.

CAIRO TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

On the 1st day of August the books of the above named company were opened for subscriptions at the First National Bank in this city. The opportunity offered to subscribe was embraced by many of our most substantial citizens—the necessary boats have been purchased and paid for, and the company may be said to be now in full operation. Its President is John W. Trower, and its Board of Directors, William P. Mallady, John W. Trower, A. B. Sanford, D. T. Lueger and Daniel Hurd. As can be readily conceived, the company is comprised of our best and most substantial citizens.

The names of the boats of the line are the favorite *Jonas Powell*, and the *Kenned* and *Exchange*. The *Powell* is now running, the *Exchange* will be ready to take her place next week and the *Kenned* the week following.

Each of these boats will make weekly trips to Eastport and back, thus making a tri-weekly packet line.

Arrangements have been consummated with the "Atlantic and Mississippi," "Memphis and St. Louis," and "Cincinnati and Memphis" Packet Companies, by which all goods can be consigned through to Memphis, New Orleans, Cincinnati, New York, or any of the Eastern cities.

All the stockholders being Cairo men, and the enterprise purely and exclusively a local one, Carities should feel a pride in liberally sustaining it, and giving it a preference over all competing lines. We feel assured that they will do so. There are none of our commercial men who have not already, through the *Jonas Powell* alone, realized handsomely from the trade received from the Tennessee country. Every trip made by that steamer from Eastport here has brought large orders upon our dealers which have been filled so promptly and our tariff of rates being correspondingly lower than those of any other market, that Cairo stands in the West, in the estimation of any city of the section of country who are now being brought into such close connection with us. Now that three steamers instead of one are introduced in the line, we feel fully confident we will, in a measure, and to a considerable extent, monopolize the trade of the Tennessee River country, access to the River Transportation Company.

CAIRO

NEW SERIES, VOL. 1, NO. 118.

THE CAIRO THAT WAS.

Dips into Old Cairo Life.

THE PLACE, THE PEOPLE, OCCURRENCES AND PASTIMES.

BY MOSE HARRELL.

NUMBER V.

A Missouri wood-chopper, about the year 1848, took it into his head that the people of Cairo needed instruction in vocal music, and until he tried, he didn't know but he was the very man to impart such instructions.

He was a good man for the early days of almost any country, and such as would, Boonelike, keep beyond the advances of genuine civilization.

Into the midst of his first meeting he stalked, the observed of all observers. He wore short breeches, between the bottoms of which and the top of his coarse shoes, you may rest assured there was no friction. His shirt collar was open scandalously wide, and around his middles was tied a garment known as a "wammus."

"Now," said he, in a nasal voice, "the first lesson isn't 'twine to come to much. We'll sing, to commence on, Windham, page 64 Missouri Harmony."

He was provided with two joints of a monster cornstalk, which he used, perhaps, for the two-fold purpose of a baton and killing cross-dogs. Sawing the air with this, he paced to and fro, lead back, singing Windham. *How* he sang, it must remain a matter of memory. Each note seemed to be cloaked through his nose, then caught up in his mouth, and finally smothered in his stomach. He rolled his eyes, like a juggler watching his balls, the same as if each note were a ball which it was his province to catch and swallow. He closed amidst shouts of laughter which could not be stillied by the very manifest evidences of his growing agony. The men rolled about upon their seats, stamped with their feet, and seemed to be in a perfect agony of merriment, while the few women present were little behind in noisy symptoms of enjoyment.

Mr. Windham finally seized his chapeau, put his book in his bosom, and left Cairo, hugely disgusted at the people's want of appreciation of the fine arts; and so ended the first singing school ever attempted in this Godly city.

A room in the second story of the old McKenzie, which stood near where the St. Charles now stands, was provided with benches, and called the Cairo Chapel. In this, about once every month, the Rev. Henry Richardson conducted divine services. With this exception, we had no preaching in Cairo until about the year 1850.

While the few people here twenty years ago professed to be good, law-abiding men, there was but one church member in town who could, fittingly, approach the throne of grace in prayer. This was old Jimmy Dager, an excellent old man, now gathered to his fathers.

A Sabbath School was started in the Cairo chapel early in 1848, and was attended by about twenty children. When Dager was not present to open and close this with prayers the prayers had to be omitted, for, unlike the condition of society now, if we had but one Christian among us we had no hypocrites. We had no person, as now, base enough to head his impious knee in supplication of the Almighty, and then devote the balance of the day to planning how he might successfully swindle some person, party or corporation. And right here I may say that if some of these "wolves in sheep's clothing" were kicked out of our present churches, and forbidden a hypocritical participation in the services, the churches would be relieved of the heaviest incubus they bear. To the credit of our churches, be it said, that there are but few of these, but these few are very prominently obnoxious, and should be promptly cut off as a festering tumor from an otherwise healthy body.

The 4th day of July, 1848, was duly celebrated in Cairo by about one hundred persons, a due portion being women and children. The Declaration of Independence was read, Dr. C. T. Lind delivered an oration, and, I believe, refreshments were served on the ground to the participants. It was a real pleasant affair, family-like, no person got drunk, there was no ill-feeling, accident or occurrence of any nature that served to mar the innocent and joyous festivities.

Dr. Lind's oration is worthy of a place in our reading room, and shall be placed there if a copy of it is at all obtainable. Here is a brief extract, and of like material was the whole oration: "I tell you to guard with sacred vigilance the ballot-box. Europe stands as a lesson upon a rock, warning us that the road to national destruction is opened by surrendering the blessings of the elective franchise. As the warring Ishmaelites pitched their tent upon the tombs of Assyrian monarchs from their riven heart he asks 'where are the mighty gone?' The proud fabric of constitutional liberty, reared by our forefathers, crumbled, and its wreck cast in undistinguishable mass upon the broad ocean of eternity, ne Washington will arise to lead, to restore, to re-erect it. Nurture, then, in the garden of these little hearts, a love for the priceless boon of liberty, for without liberty gold has no value, age no reverence and beauty no charms." This from the Dr.'s peroration, and he was vociferously progressing with it when a boy about ten years of age, approached the stand and appealed to the speaker in a voice that all could hear: "Please don't get any madder, sir, for if there gets to be a fight here some of us children might get badly hurt." In common parlance, that appeal "took the starch out" of the doctor. His aim was gone, and he closed his able effort almost immediately.

CRAWFISHING.—The harbor organ denies that the Times is the organ of the Cairo Chamber of Commerce. We never announced that it was such an organ, but when a meeting is called it is usually done by the Secretary of the Chamber, and officially, whether in the Times or through any other medium. The Secretary, however, authorizes us to say that he did not, specially request the local of the Democrat or any one else to announce a special meeting of the Chamber on yesterday.

DAILY COMMERCIAL.—This is the title of a new paper just established at New Albany (Ind.). It is edited with marked ability, and should receive, as it doubtless will, the liberal support of the citizens of the enterprising city whose organ it is.

WASHINGTON.

The Wirz Trial.—The Brutality of the Accused fully proven.—His savage demonic spirit portrayed.—Wirz but the tool of men in higher positions.—Jeff. Davis responsible.—The Trial of the Rebel Chief, &c.

Correspondence of the Cairo Evening Times.

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 4, 1865.

Nothing of any interest stirring here to day. The court convened for the trial of Wirz, the keeper of the Andersonville prison, adjourned over from Saturday until to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 a. m.

Every day's proceedings in this case continue to heap up evidence of savage cruelty that almost makes one blush for poor human nature.

When stories of the sufferings of our soldiers held as prisoners by the rebels, and the cruelties inflicted upon them, first began to be circulated at the North but few believed them. Even when evidence of the truth of many of these rumors forced themselves upon the public mind, almost every one was willing to think the Confederates did the best they could under the circumstances, and that the sufferings of our men in their hands were the result of inability on the part of their captors to treat them properly, and not the result of a deliberate system of cruelty that would lead to the veriest savages that ever danced around the fire that consumed their victims. But even the most lenient in their judgment are compelled to give up this idea. The pictures of suffering and the details of systematic cruelty, as developed by the evidence given upon this trial are terrible, heart-sickening. We instinctively turn away from the sight and try to think it a dream, a nightmare, and not a horrible reality. But, alas, the cumulative evidence is too strong, and to the disgrace of human nature, we find it is not a dream. I do not think the mass of the Southern people should be held up to public opinion as participants either in acts or principles in such barbarities, but that there was a systematic plan adopted and pursued by certain of the authorities connected with the rebel War Department, intended, by starvation and disease to destroy the lives of prisoners in their hands, I have no doubt. However brutal Wirz may be by nature, he would not have dared to play the role of a fiend incarnate so openly as he did if he had not known that his course would be approved and sustained by his superior officers. "Like master like man," holds good in military matters as in other paths of life. Wirz was but the tool, a willing and pliant one, no doubt, but still the tool of men in higher position. To find the real demon whose wings cast a dark shadow over all the prison pens of the South, and whose breath filled the air with disease and death, we may pass by Wirz and other prison keepers, and even by Gen. Winder, and come to the head of the rebel War Department, if not the rebel President himself. Not only at Andersonville, but at Libby, at Danville, at Belle Isle, at Salisbury, and at Florence, S. C. the same system was observed. Starvation, exposure without shelter, to sun and to storm, little or no medical attendance, kicks, blows, shooting at the "dead line," in short, everything that could wear out and destroy both the minds and bodies of the poor wretches whom an evil fate had consigned to such keeping.

The first feeling one has in reading of these barbarities is sympathy for the sufferers, next a feeling of shame and regret that animals capable of committing such deeds should be found in human shape; and then one feels as if he would like to see the strong hand of "justice" grapple those in higher position who investigated these things and placed them for trial before the poor wretch who did but "obey orders" in, to use his own words, "killing more dead Yankees at Andersonville than Lee was killing at the front."

This trial will soon end and so will the career of Wirz.

The trial of "Jeff Davis" is still held off—for what reason is not known to the uninitiated. It is rumored that it is set for an early day, and that Gen. Butler is to assist the Attorney General as public prosecutor, O'Connor, of New York, and Geo. E. Pugh, of Ohio, for the defense.

Yours,
EGYPTIAN.

MESSAGES UNCALLED FOR.—James Ostrander, Gen. D. E. Coon, Mrs. Rowland, A. F. Brunotto.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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CAIRO, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1865.

WAR EAGLE SERIES, VOL. 3, NO. 118.

ST. LOUIS.

Preparations to Write.—The "Times"—Opening of the "Southern Hotel"—Politics in St. Louis and Missouri—Amusements—The Prescribed Oath—Arrival of the Great Sensation—Discovery—Etceteras.

Correspondence of the Cairo Evening Times.

ST. LOUIS, SEPT. 7, 1865.

DEAR TIMES:—It's seldom I write except with a pencil, but on an occasion such as this, when writing to such a speedy little sheet as the CAIRO TIMES, a gold pen and the best fluid are indispensable. Your friends in this section of the great American Confederacy look upon you, Mr. Goodall, and your able associate, "Call," as he is called here, as the watchmen upon the tower of Cairo, to point out to your fellow-citizens the dangers they may fall into in building up a metropolis, and give the signal of "all's well" when they march steadily and surely on through liberality and energy to greatness.

The great event of the week in St. Louis has been the opening of the "Southern Hotel," which took place last Wednesday evening; and of the parties participating, it may very justly be said they had a "gay time." Champagne and complimentary speeches were the order of the day, or rather night, and everything passed off very pleasantly until about twelve o'clock, when your correspondent, who was present, was taken with a sort of a carelessness, or rather a want-to-go-to-sleepishness kind of feeling, that, like a celebrated military chief-tain that had been roughly handled, he felt back, but by the assistance of a kind friend he retired in good order.

The radicals in this locality are determined President Johnson shall not be idle; they are now after him for the position of the St. Louis Post-office matter. Every one of the editors of the *Democrat*, are ready to serve their country—their patriotism knows no bounds. During the war they were willing, even anxious to shed the last drop of blood that flowed in any and all of their neighbors' veins, rather than the war should cease. Now that it is over, they are as equally willing to fill every office both in the gift of the people and President. In fact, they are all on the idea that they are the only ones eligible, or deserving. In General F. P. Blair they have a daring opponent, one who, not like themselves, eternally giving advice from their well furnished office, and persuading others to fight, and suffer the fatigues and dangers of battle; but, like yourself and associate, the gallant Frank, gave his advice while bucking on his sword, closing with "Who will follow me?"

Amusements in the city are in full trim. Miss Emily Thorne is now the "star," at "Devereux's Opera House," but this far has failed to draw as large houses as her former visits. The *Stock Company* at this theatre is an improvement on last season; but you look to enter for the talented Companies that used to vie for the patronage of the St. Louis people. The leading positions would be considered about third-rate artists. Mr. Debar, however, deserves great credit for the excellent manner in which he has managed his company. He has given to St. Louis what she has long needed: a first class Opera House.

Last Sunday the time granted by the new Constitution for the taking of the preachers' oath expired. A few of the gentlemen came forward and obeyed the law, but I have not yet heard of any prosecution for neglect or refusal. Considering how much many of these same preachers, who, mistaking their true religious calling, by mounting the political stump, have done to bring about the war, I think it is a pity that so many of them are not preaching entirely, it would only be a just punishment, and one richly deserved.

Preparations are making for the great Commercial Convention to be held in St. Louis soon, and in that Convention we hope to see Cairo well and fully represented, let the advantages of her position be shown, and Cairo and her people will surely be benefited thereby.

The Hon. W. P. Smith, ex-actor, ex-doctor, is in town still. We understand he has declined a very profitable offer from a California manager. He talks some of building a new opera house in Carondelet.

Prof. J. E. Myers, of Bryant's Commercial College, has left St. Louis for Memphis, in which city he intends establishing a college. And now, we the citizens of Missouri, would respectfully ask of you, friend Goodall, that if you could spare us one of the means of your city newshaws to come here and take charge of it, you would confer a great favor. He might have a little more good sense and be a trifle better than Tom Fletcher; but of one thing we are certain—he could not be worse.

With long life and prosperity to the Times, I remain, as ever,

LATER, 10 p. m.—It is just announced that the renowned Equestrian Curculion Manager will open here next Monday. If, after it opens, he tells us that he won't shut on me, I'll tell you what it's like.

LATER, 11 p. m.—I'm getting one of the bill posters drunk; he's promised to tell me what it is.

LATER, 12 p. m.—I've found out all about it. It's what we used to call a circus when we were boys and crawled under the canvas to get in.

SAM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that default having been made on the payment of a portion of the amount secured, to be paid by certain parties, named in James H. Weaver, and Winney Broderick, his wife, to James S. Haynie, dated December 1st, 1860, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Cass County, Mo., in book "C," page 25, the amount now due and payable being \$125, principal and interest thereon, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, the undersigned, to whom said mortgage was made, by virtue of the terms and provisions of the said mortgage, on the 12th day of October next, A. D. 1865, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Court House, in said city of Cairo, in the county of Alexander, and State of Illinois, the premises in said mortgage described, to-wit: Lot number thirty-one (31) in Block number thirty (30), in the city of Cairo, Illinois, with the appurtenances, to satisfy the purposes and conditions of said mortgage, and to discharge the same from the lien of said mortgage. Sept 9, 1865—Wm. E. HAYNIE Mortgagee.

WANTED.—ATTENTION!

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AREARS OF GOVERNMENT

BOUNTY!

SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN: Most of you have been discharged from the service without receiving your full bounty. In most cases you have received only sixty and one-third dollars. You are hereby informed that you are entitled to your full bounty of \$100, for every year of the term for which you enlisted. This applies to cases where you have been absent 90 days before the expiration of your term, on account of your services being no longer needed. The decision, on his point, is officially announced, and is direct and explicit.

My blank forms, under this new and happy decision of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, are already printed, and I am prepared to mail you up your cases at once. Do not delay in this matter. The bounty before the Second and Fourth Auditors of the Treasury will be enormous, and a weeks' delay will occasion a delay of many months in the adjustment of your claims.

Office—Rooms 10 and 12 Egyptian Block, Cairo, Ill. Sept 8th. Attorney at Law and Claim Agent.

Last Edition.

FIVE O'CLOCK, AFTERNOON.

THE LATEST

TELEGRAMS.

Reported expressly for the Evening Times.

THE WIRZ TRIAL.

Jeff. Davis Clearly Implicated.

IMPORTANT MILITARY COMMISSION.

Jeff. Davis to be Subpoenaed as a Witness.

The Order of Gen. Asboth.

GREAT FIRE AT SELMA, AL.

Destruction of the Steamboat Reindeer.

EXCURSION OF ENGLISH CAPITALISTS TO THIS COUNTRY.

ETC., ETC., ETC.

NEW YORK, September 9.—The Tribune's Washington special says during the progress of the trial to-day, one of Wirz's counsel took up an illustrated paper depicting the horrors of his prison pen client, scanned it closely for several minutes, then passed it back with ill-concealed emotion. The evidence to-day was of unusual interest, and the court room was densely crowded with ladies and gentlemen, among whom were the Hon. Arthur Kimball, M. C., and Louis Jennings, correspondent of the London Times. Several official documents, which fell into our hands upon the capture of Richmond, were presented and fully authenticated by Captain C. M. Selph, of the Confederate War Department. There is more evidence of the same sort, which clearly implicates Jeff. Davis and